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Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

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NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY 2024

July 07 Tithe Sunday: Giving from the Heart			
8:00 AM	English HQ assisted by Bethel area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1Chr.29:10-18 Acts 5: 1-11 Phil 4: 10 –20 Luke16: 19-31
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Bethlehem area prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	1Chr.29:10-18 Acts 5: 1-11 Phil 4: 10 –20 Luke16: 19-31
July 14 Priests—Servants in Pastoral Ministry			
8:00 AM	G3 & English HQ assisted by YF	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Eze. 33: 1-9 2 Tim. 2:: 1-13 1 Pet. 5:1-7 John 10:1-11
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Carmel area Prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Eze. 33: 1-9 2 Tim. 2:: 1-13 1 Pet. 5:1-7 John 10:1-11
July 21 People of God: Co-workers in Building up the Kingdom of God			
10:30 AM	English HQ assisted by Ebenezer area prayer group	Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	Exo 19: 1-6 1 John 4:7-21 Rom. 14:13-19 Luke10: 25-37
July 28 Gifts of the Holy Spirit: For the spiritual nourishment of the people of God			
8:00 AM	G3 CFF & English HQ assisted by CFF	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 Chr. 15:1-8 1 Cor.12: 4-12 1Cor.12:27-31 John 20:19-23
10:30 AM	Malayalam HQ assisted by Hebron area Prayer group	1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Epistle Gospel	2 Chr. 15:1-8 1 Cor.12: 4-12 1Cor.12:27-31 John 20:19-23

2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Diocesan Assembly	Ms. Jewel Zachariah	832.334.8622
Diocesan Assembly	Mr. Siju Philip	516.503.5589
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Auditor	Mr. Sam Thomas	832.938.8664
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INTER-PRAYER GROUP BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Date of competition: 8/31/2024

Guidelines

1. Questions will be based on the "Book of Amos, Colossians, and St. James liturgy, from confession onwards". Reference versions are "New International Version" (NIV) for English Bible and "Bible Society of India" for Malayalam version
2. Each prayer group can send a team with a minimum of three and a maximum of 5 members strictly belonging to that prayer group
3. Church members of all age group and genders are eligible to participate
4. Team roster must be submitted to the quiz coordinator no later than 5:00 pm on August 18, 2024.
5. In the case of any dispute, the decision of the quiz master shall be final

SEVIKA SANGHOM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LIVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY (LLEL) 2024
DIOCESAN SEVIKA SANGHOM
CONFERENCE 2024
October 3 - 6, 2024
SEVICA CHURCH ATULAKA

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Abraham
Mar Paulos Episcopa**
Diocesan Bishop

**DIOCESAN SEVIKA SANGHAM
CONFERENCE 2024**
(October 3 - 6, 2024)

 Very Rev. Dr. Sham P Thomas Main Talk	 Dr Martha Moore-Keish Main Talk	 Mrs. Susan Saji Bible Study	 Mrs. Ancy Roji Mathews Bible Study
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Theme : Live to Leave a Legacy

FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



Dearly Beloved in Christ.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we welcome the month of July, the summer season is in full swing, bringing with it the much-anticipated vacation time for our children. This time is often filled with joy, adventure, and relaxation. It's a period when families can create lasting memories, and children have the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow in different ways outside of their regular routines. I encourage you to consider how we can make this vacation time not just fun, but also meaningful and enriching.

The Scriptures remind us in Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Every day is an opportunity to rejoice, to find joy in the simple moments, and to share that joy with others. I encourage you to enjoy the blessings, and to spread kindness and compassion wherever you go.

As we gather for our various Parish events and services this month, let us do so with a spirit of unity and fellowship. Our community is a testament to the love of Christ, and each of us plays a vital role in nurturing and sustaining it. Together, we can create a place where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and loved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support and dedication to our parish. Your involvement, whether through volunteering, attending services, or simply offering a friendly smile, enriches our community and strengthens our shared mission. The love and commitment you show contribute greatly to making our parish a vibrant and caring community.

May this month be a month of renewal, joy, and gratitude for all of us. Let us cherish the time we have together and use it to grow closer to God and one another. May God's love and grace fill our hearts and homes with joy and peace. Let us be grateful for His countless blessings and strive to be instruments of His love and compassion in the world.

Let us make this time more meaningful by doing the following things.

- Strengthen our Family Bonds
- Explore God's Creation
- Serve Others
- Nurture our Spiritual Growth
- Encourage Learning and Creativity of our children

May God bless us all abundantly

Rev. Santhosh Thomas,
Asst. Vicar

JUBILEE PROJECT UPDATE

Construction activities are continuing for the Jubilee Project. The contractor is working with Centerpoint Energy and Fort Bend MUD on approvals and routing of water and electrical utilities to the new facilities. Foundation preparation and concrete pouring for the Jubilee hall will occur in the next few weeks. Steel structure for the gymnasium is expected towards the end of August.

Please continue to support the project financially through new donations and by paying off your pledges. Also, please participate in the personal loan initiative which would help us in reducing the loan amount that we have to borrow from the bank at high interest rate. Above all, please remember the project in your daily prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/3– Sunday School Regional Competitions
 8/9-8/11 - Southwest Regional Sports Tournament
 8/31 - IMTC Inter-Prayer Group Bible Quiz
 9/7 - Parish Picnic @ Kitty Hollow Park, M. City
 9/20 - Sunday, 9/22- Parish Convention (Tentative)
 10/26 - Auction (Tentative)
 11/17 - Parish Day
 11/30 —House to House Christmas Caroling
 12/24 - Christmas Carol Service



AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

AREA PRAYER GROUPS	<p>Sharon area prayer meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Thomas Thyparampil (ID # 190). Address: 10915 Ashland Bridge Ln., Sugar Land, TX 77498</p> <p>Hebron area prayer mtg is arranged to be held on Sunday, July 21st @ 7 pm @ the residence of Mr. Varghese Sebastian (ID # 384). Address: 6223 Drayton Hall, Missouri City, TX 77459.</p> <p>Sehion area prayer meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 21st at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Raju John (ID # 296). Address: 4923 Bellmead Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459</p> <p>Carmel area prayer meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 27th at 7:00 pm at the residence of Mr. Koshy P. Mathew (ID # 148). Address: 4526 Ring Ross , Missouri City, TX 77459</p>
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JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Varghese & Sarah Varghese	23-Jul
Binoy George & Mercy Binoy	
Jackson V. Jacob &	
Joseph Chandy & Mariamma Chandy	24-Jul
Cherian Zachariah & Annamma Cherian	
John Joseph & Mary K. Joseph	
Mathews Abraham & Gracy Mathew	25-Jul
Biju J. Thomas & Jalaja Joseph	
John Chacko & Chinnamma John	
Dr. Anil T. Mathew & Sonu E. Mathew	26-Jul
Sanoj J. Eapen & Tessy Eapen	
Sibi P. Mathew & Selena Patel Mathew	
Roshan Regi & Mari Lyn Jacob Veerampully	28-Jul
Abi Philip & Dr. Leena Philip	
Johnny M. Mathew & Achamma C. Mathew	
Raju Abraham & Susan Abraham	29-Jul
Chacko Kurien & Sosamma Kurien	
Chacko Kurien & Sosamma Kurien	31-Jul



ZELLE PAYMENTS

Making Payments to Church Using Zelle

Zelle is a faster method of payment, that is protected by online encryption and can be done with just a few steps using your phone or PC. This mode of payment transfer, offered by the 7 largest banks in the US, is one of the safest alternatives to sending cash or a check in the mail. and that money is automatically deposited into the recipient's bank account and doesn't incur any fees.

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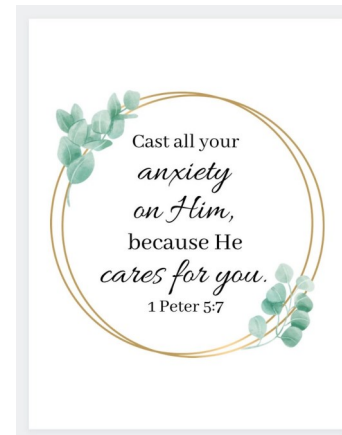
JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Benny Kalathoor & Liny Kalathoor	1-Jul
Philip K Kuttappan & Annie Varghese	
Thomas Samuel & Leela M. Samuel	2-Jul
Johnson Thomas & Ambili Susan	
Vivekanand V. Shetti & Dr. Jessie George Shetti	3-Jul
John P. Thomas & Mariamma J. Thomas	5-Jul
Mohan John Thomas & Mariamma John	
Thompson Jacob & Dr. Reena Jacob	6-Jul
Sam Mathew & Rachel Mathew	7-Jul
Jim Thomas & Maya Thomas	8-Jul
Rupesh Koshy & Mekha Solomon	
Titus Eapen & Seena Eapen	9-Jul
Anub Philip & Rimla Anna Paul	
George T. Justin Thadikkal & Jeena Jose	
Shiju Oommen & Binsu Oommen	10-Jul
Abraham Kurien & Ann Kurien	
Aby Pappachan & Sheeba Pappachen	
Abraham V. Komattu & Ansu J. Abraham	11-Jul
John Varghese & Sunila Abraham	
Shibu Thomas & Jessica Nguen Thomas	
Sachin Kulkarni & Bini George	
Joseph Varghese & Betsy Varghese	12-Jul
George P. Thomas & Dr. Sheena Itty	
Abraham K.M & Aleyamma Abraham	
Joseph K. T. & Leelamma Joseph	15-Jul
John Jesson & Mariamma Jesson	16-Jul
Santhosh K. Varghese & Sherin M. John	
Michael Brian Samuel & Julia Vera	
Samuel Abraham & Omana Abraham	17-Jul
T. I. Rajan & Saramma Rajan	
Thomas O. Keerikattu & Suja T. Keerikattu	18-Jul
Jose P Abraham & Nidhi J. Abraham	
Mullasaril Abraham Joseph & Beena Joseph	
Bibin George & Angie Alexander	
Jomon Johny & Dinu Joseph	19-Jul
Thomas Thyparampil & Sarah Thomas	
Mathew Philip & Annie Philip	
Thakadiyil V. Mathew & Elizabeth Mathew	20-Jul
Sajeev G. Kutty & Jolly Sajeev	
Binu George & Animole Binu	
Chacko Jacob & Deenamma Jacob	21-Jul
Jojoy John & Dr. Lydia John	
Bobby Thomas & Benzy Thomas	
Mathew T. Scaria & Lizy Mathew	
Arun Koshy & Mariamma Chacko	22-Jul

ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School	Aug. 3: Sunday school Regional Competitions
CFF	Aug. 16th: 7 pm at Church
Senior Fellowship	July 11: Pakalveedu Fellowship @ 10 am July 18: HQ in Malayalam @ 10 am
Yuvajana Sakhyam	July 5-7: 2024 Camp @ Camp Mohawk County Pk.
IMAAF	July 19: Prayer Meeting @ 7:30 pm at the Church
Sevika Sanghom	Oct. 3-6: Diocesan S.S. Conference 2024



CONDOLENCES

1. Mr. T.C. George, 89 years old, uncle of Mrs. Aleykutty Joshy (ID # 136) of the Carmel area prayer group was taken to his heavenly abode in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. T.C. George was a former member of our parish.
2. Mr. K.E. Eappen, 81 years old, father of Mr. Reji Eappen (ID # 402) of the Tabor area prayer group was taken to his heavenly abode at Thiruvalla, Kerala.

The Vicars and members of the Immanuel Parish express our heartfelt condolences. Kindly uphold the bereaving family members in your thoughts and prayers.



JULY 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Chinnamma John	1-Jul	Samuel Jose George	11-Jul
Saramma Mathai		Benzy K. John	
Mariamamma Chacko		Susan Mathew	
Dea G. Sanil		Annamma John	
Gabriel Mathew		Nickel Mathew Thomas	
Solly Saji			
Joel Sam Kalloor	2-Jul	Stanley Varghese	12-Jul
Bindu Philip		Jean Mary Thomas	
Saji Pappachan		Liza Eliz Mathew	
Adia Michelle Reyna			
Abey V. Kunjumon	3-Jul	Leha Susan Varghese	12-Jul
Christina Jose			
Shikha S. Thomas	4-Jul	Nithin Cherian Mathew	13-Jul
Leema Elsa Binu		Olivia Royce Green	
Mathew Kanankara Abraham	5-Jul	Vinu Jacob Mathew	13-Jul
Sibi Abraham		John Varghese	
John Jacob		Haley Nicole Sooudi	
Prince Jacob		Maya Roy	
Namrata Susan Varghese		Abbey Joseph	
Apoorva Anne Varghese			
Sunu Cherian	6-Jul	John Abraham	14-Jul
Kuriakose Thottiyil		Kurian George	
Greyson Mammen Mathew	7-Jul	Sujamol John	15-Jul
Ajitha P. Kurian		Sam Chacko	
Sheeba E. Mathew		Jijo Philip Varughese	
Noah Bobby Thomas		Jacob Chacko	
Jerin Shibu	9-Jul	Monachan Thomas	16-Jul
Mevin John Abraham		Roni Mathew	
M. G. Mathew	Nissi Maria Shybu		
Amit G. Thomas	10-Jul	Beena Abraham	
Sophie Rachel Abraham		Navid Jacob John	
Annamma Cherian		Jeena Jose	
Smijo M. Mathew		Bincy Mathew	
Sera Susan Samuel			
Albert Thomas Shrestha			
Ethan Kulkarni			



JULY 2024 BIRTHDAYS (CONT)



Isac Thomas	17-Jul	Saji Mathew	25-Jul
Roji Mathew		Susan Mathew	26-Jul
Jesmin Aju John		Geeta Mammen	
Meenu A. Varghese	Dr. Cherry Mathew		
Austin S. Alexander	19-Jul	Mercy Binoy	
Kunjumol Varughese		Biju Abraham	
Saramma Philipkutty		Elvin Varghese Mathews	
Varghese Sebastian		Sony Sam Jacob	
Sibi P. Mathew		Justin Samuel	
Elena Sarah Thomas		Reena Varghese	
George Varghese	20-Jul	Liya Marrie Kalathoor	28-Jul
Jerryil Zachariah		Jaiden Naithan Jacob	
Sam Rajan Daniel		Grace Maria Chandy	
Aswin Cherian Mathew	21-Jul	Eva Susan Jacob	29-Jul
Elijan Philip Ninan		Annamma Thomas	
Hannah Susan George		David Kalathoor	
Bindhu Samuel	22-Jul	Ian Charles Chacko	30-Jul
Roshu Thomas		David Paul Thomas	
Dr. Mariam Sara Sunil		Saramma Mathew	
Annie Jacob	23-Jul	Anu Mathew	31-Jul
Naya Esther Mammen		Max M. Philip	
Nisha John	24-Jul	Merina A. Thomas	31-Jul
Lijoy Samuel		Annie H. Joseph	
Jerin C. John		Melwin Thomas Kondoor	
Mariamamma George		Rebecca George	
Sheba A. Kuriakose	Jenna Joe George		
Ajay Thomas	Susan Thomson		
Sneha Abraham			
Roshini E. Joseph			